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Controlled Tasks Based on the Relative  
Spatial Location of Task Objects in a  
Directional Field**

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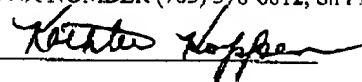
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Applicant makes the following changes to the specification:

Please delete Fig. 21.

On page 25, amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 to read as follows:

Figure 20 shows a practical application of the sequencing method previously discussed. Figure 20 is a virtual office display which allows sequencing and re-sequencing to occur by moving objects within the virtual office space. The practical purpose of the virtual office environment is to present a means of sequencing documents to be faxed. The background image 300 is simply a graphic image stored in an instance of a Picture object containing the office background. By right clicking anywhere on this background, the user can access the properties of the object and make whatever changes are needed, including changing the background by loading a new graphic image. As shown in Figure 20, the graphic image

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used illustrates a conventional office with a virtual desk and a door. The door has a leave sign which is actually an Exit Button object 302. Four objects appear on the virtual desk which are actually instances of the Run Picture object previously described. The first object 304 has the appearance of a folder on the desktop. The other three objects 306, 308, and 310 have an appearance that resembles a letter. The Start Button 312 in the lower left of the virtual office is a master object having an external location point 314 located on the image of the fax machine. The spatial sequence indicator ~~48~~ 316 indicates that the directional attribute is set to outermost points inward. When the master object 16 is activated, the task associated with the folder object is performed first followed by three letter objects in sequence. The tasks associated with the objects are executed in order from the object farthest from the fax machine to the object closest to the fax machine. The virtual office represents one way in which the present invention might be used to sequence tasks.

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I believe the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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